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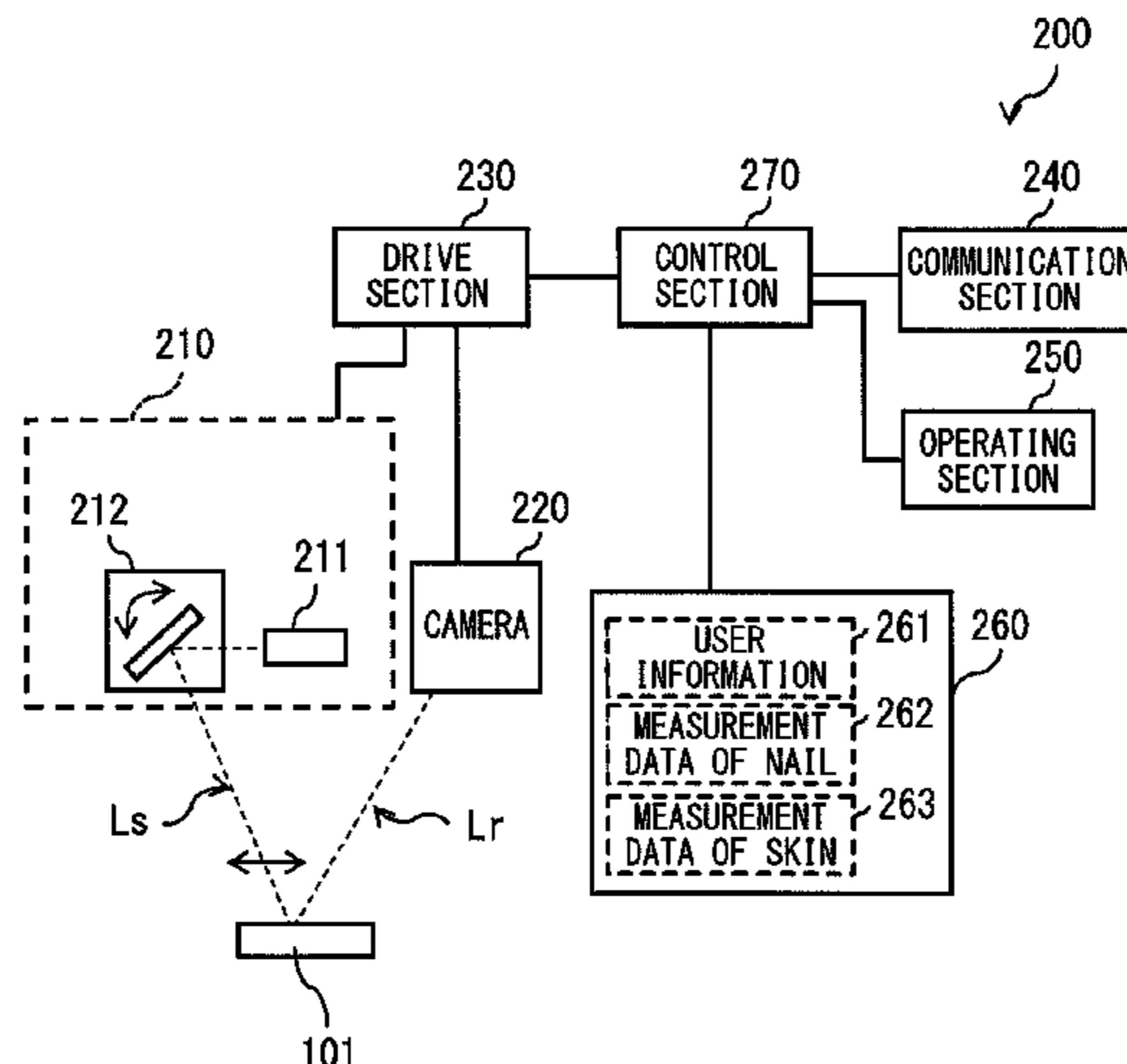
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

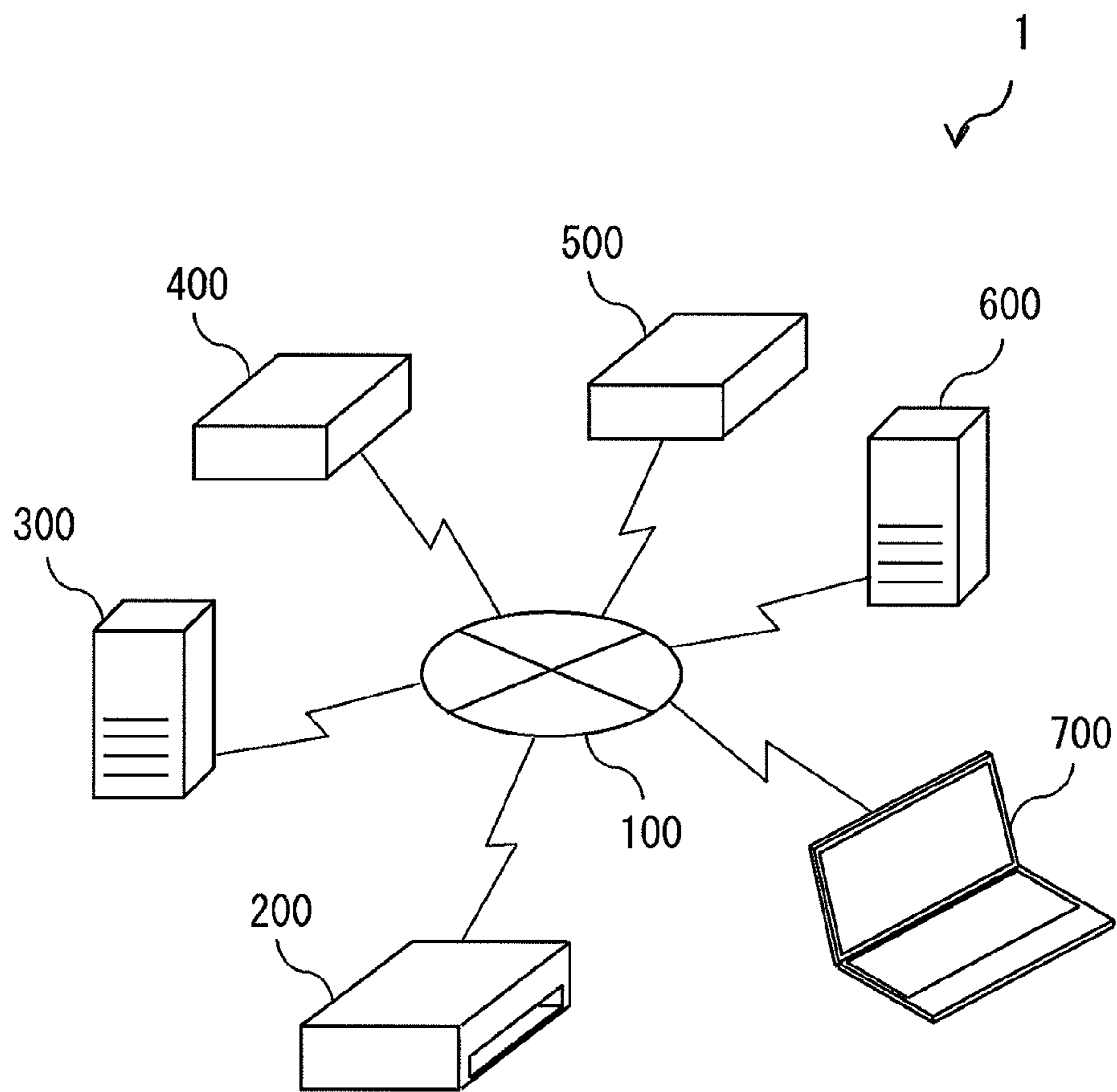
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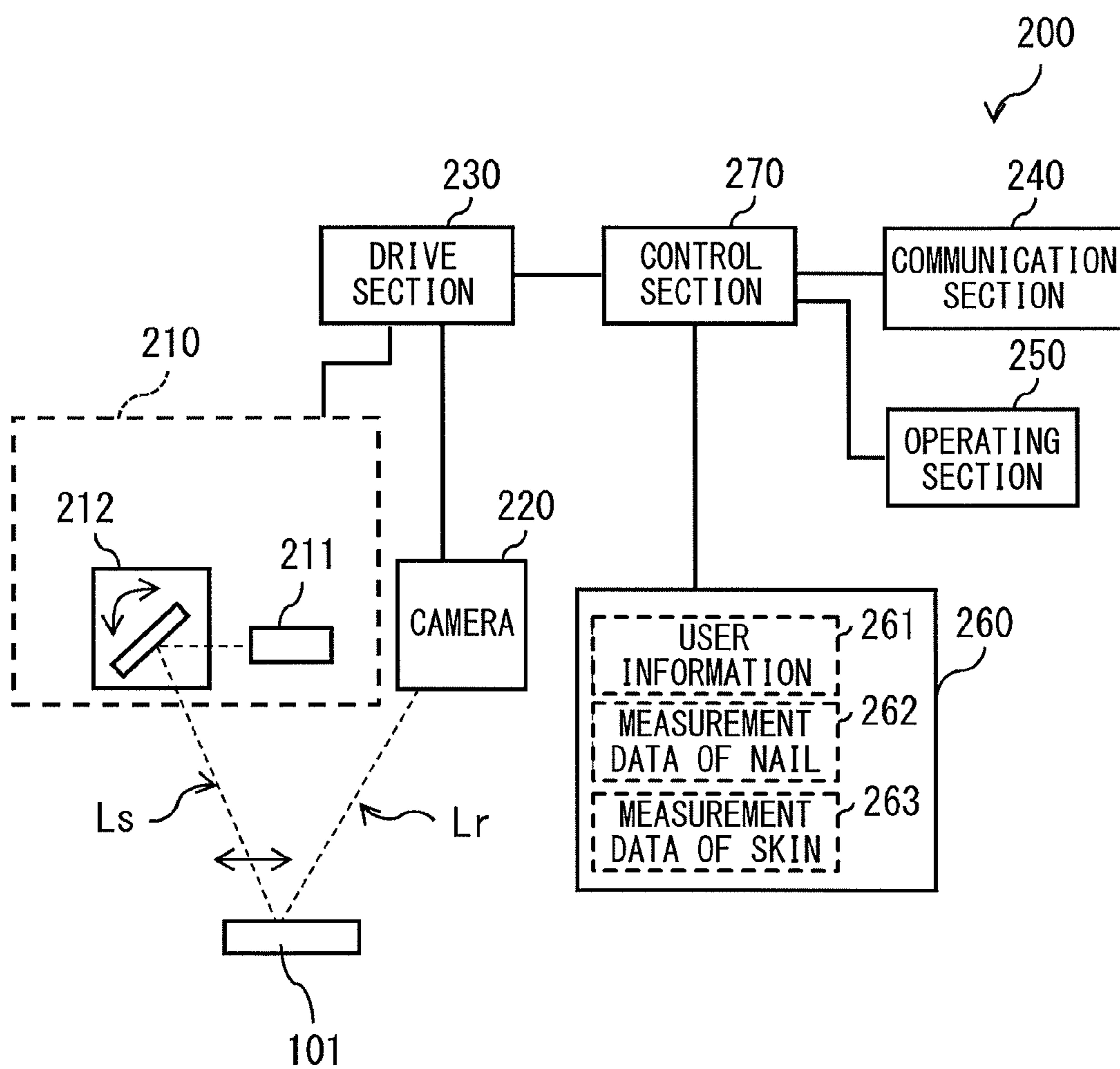


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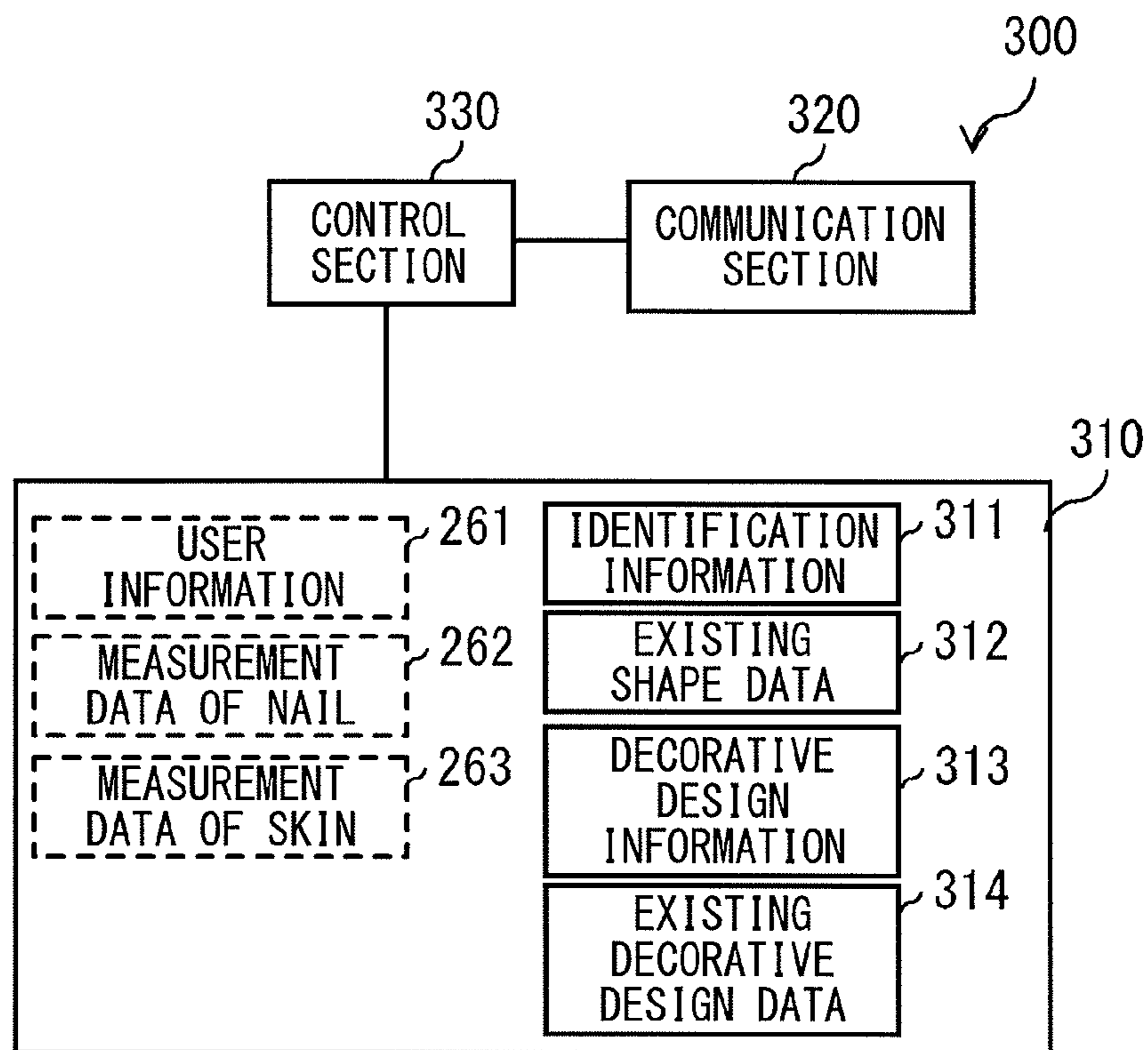
[FIG. 1]



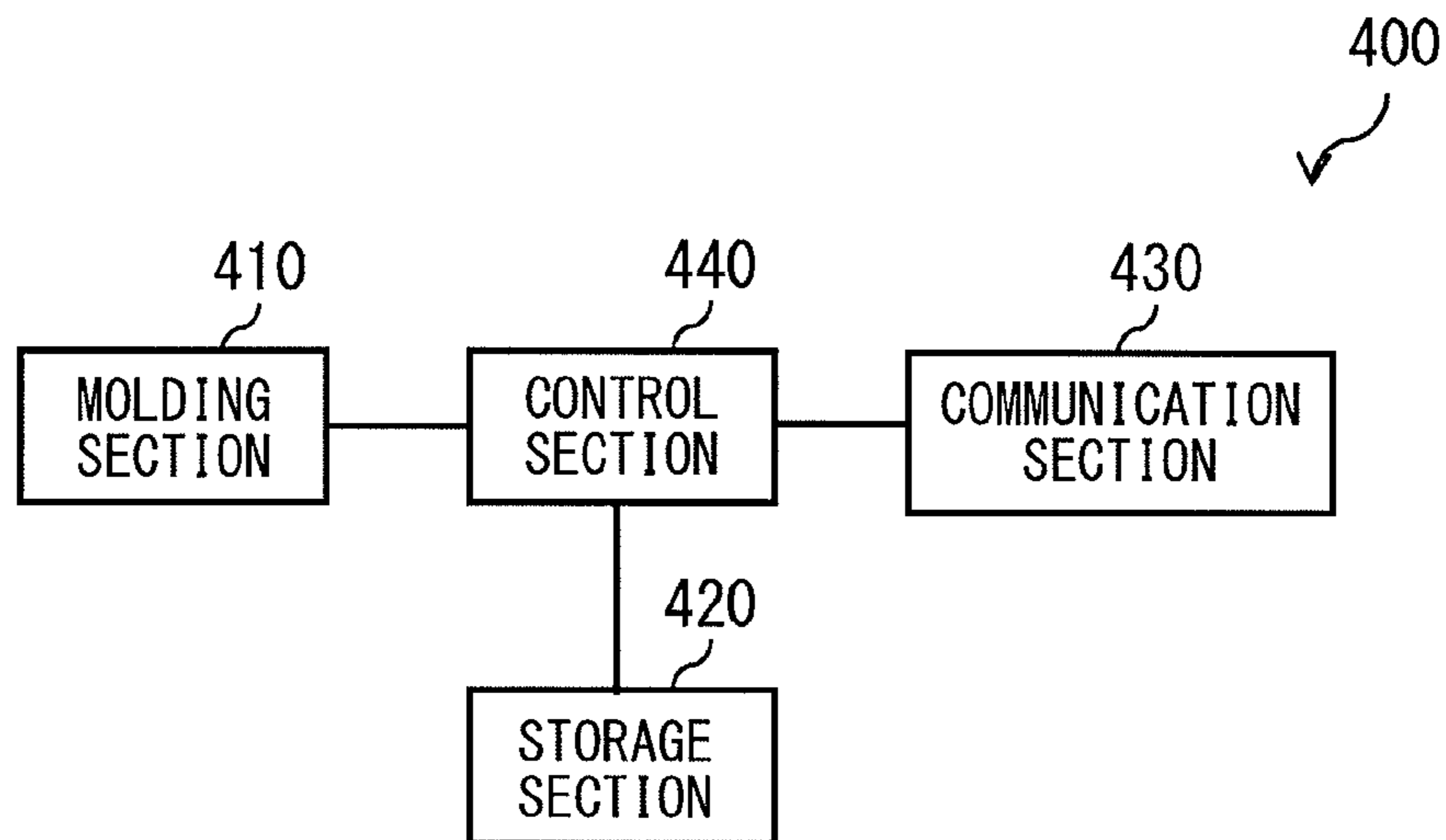
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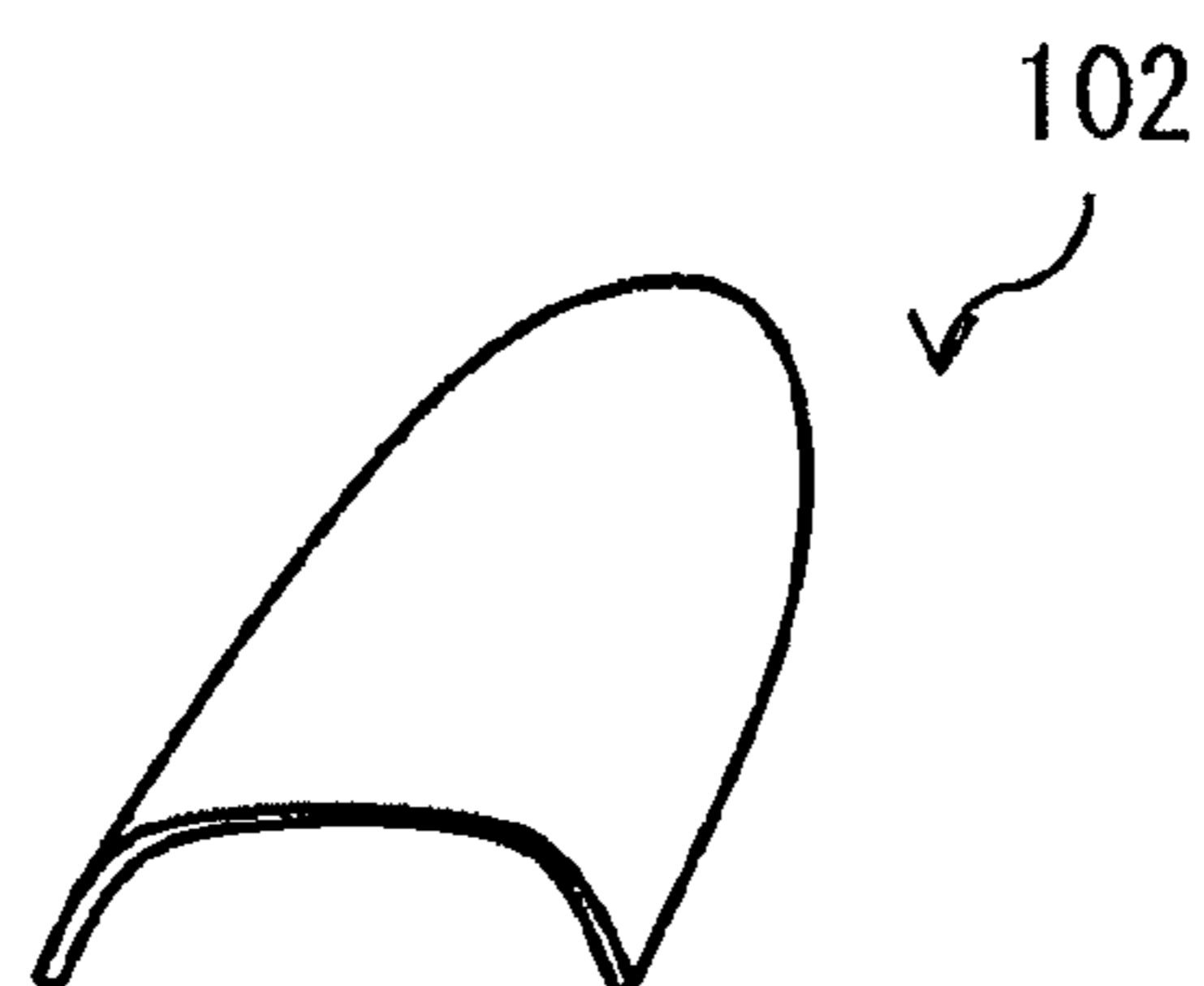
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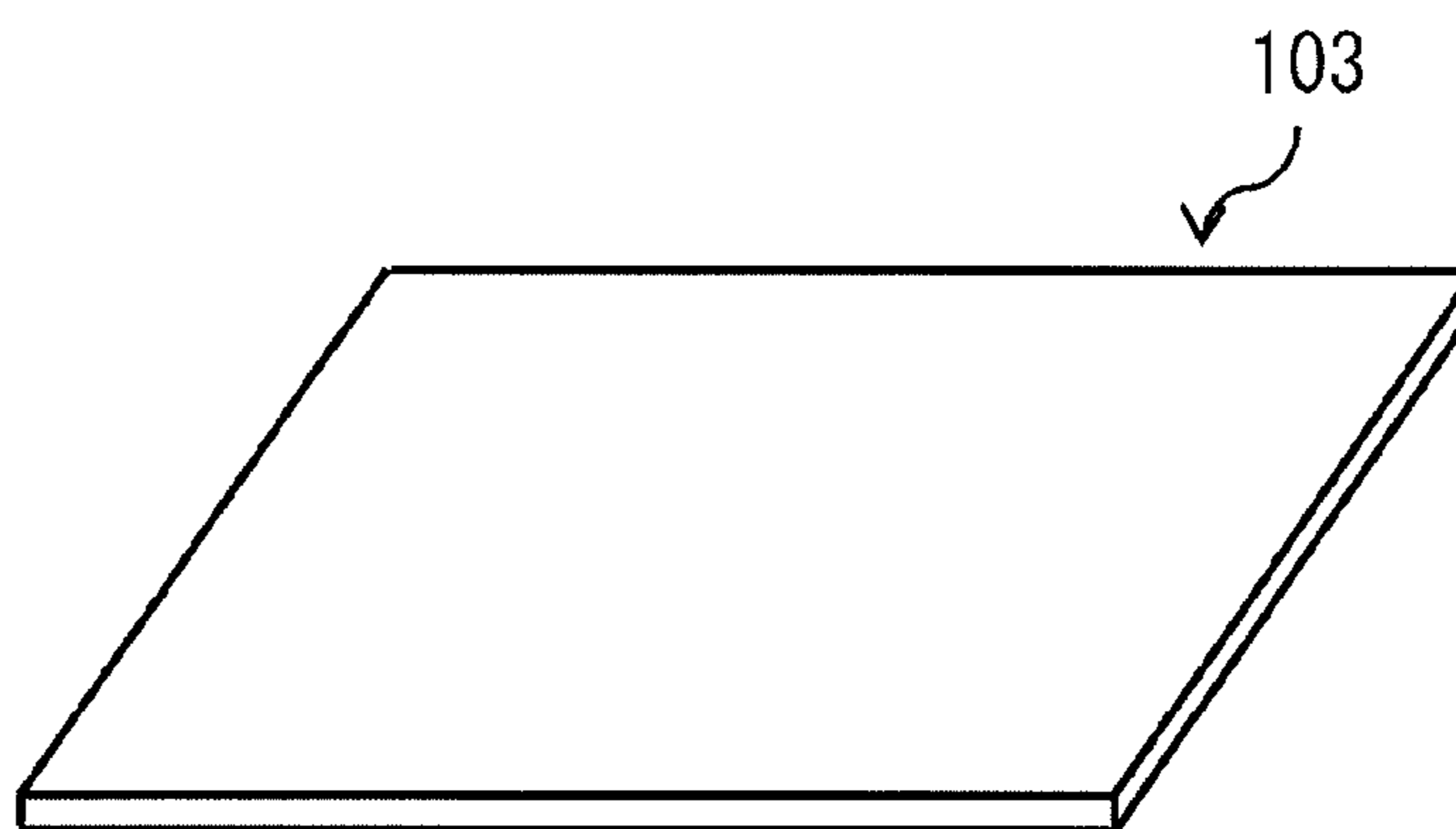
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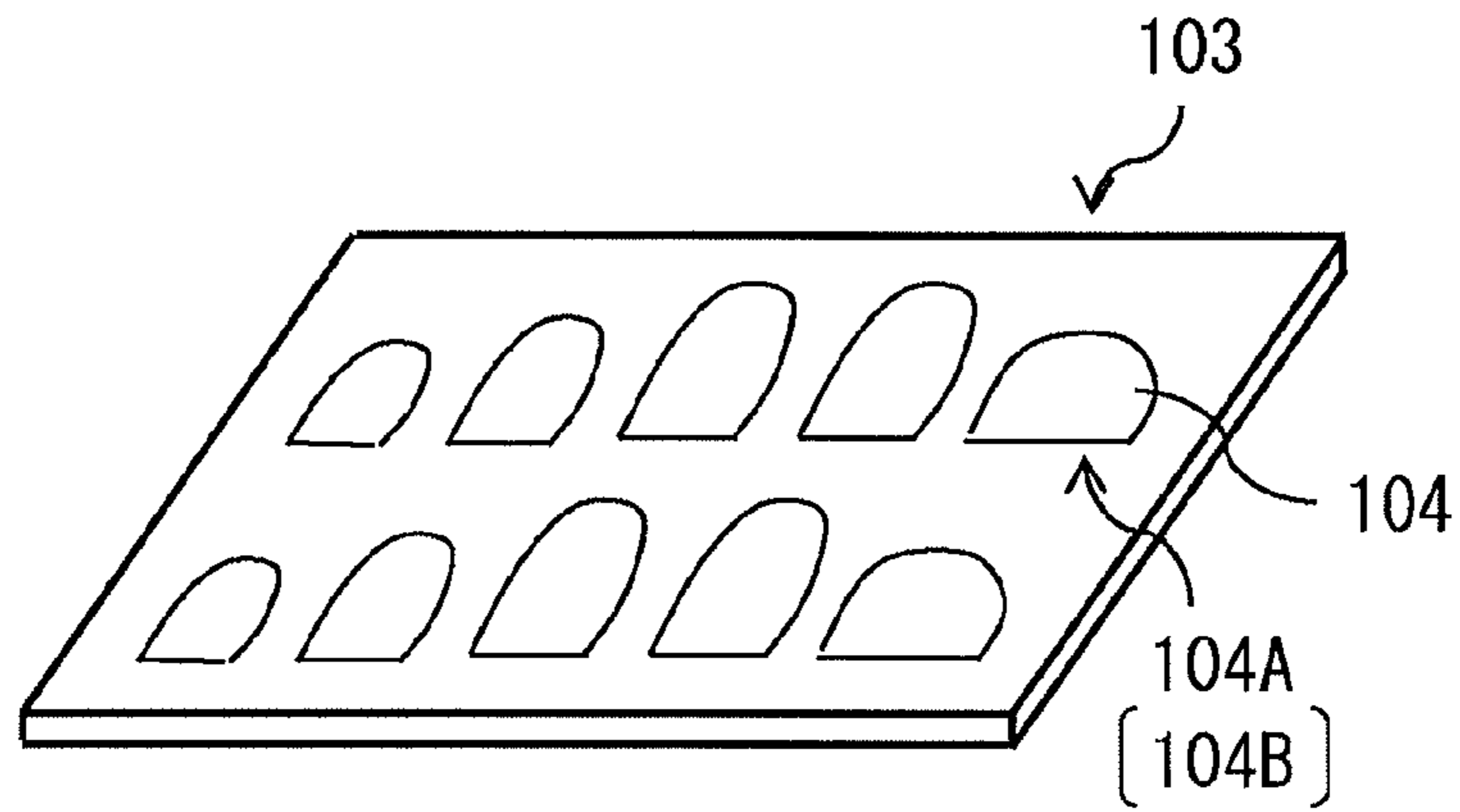
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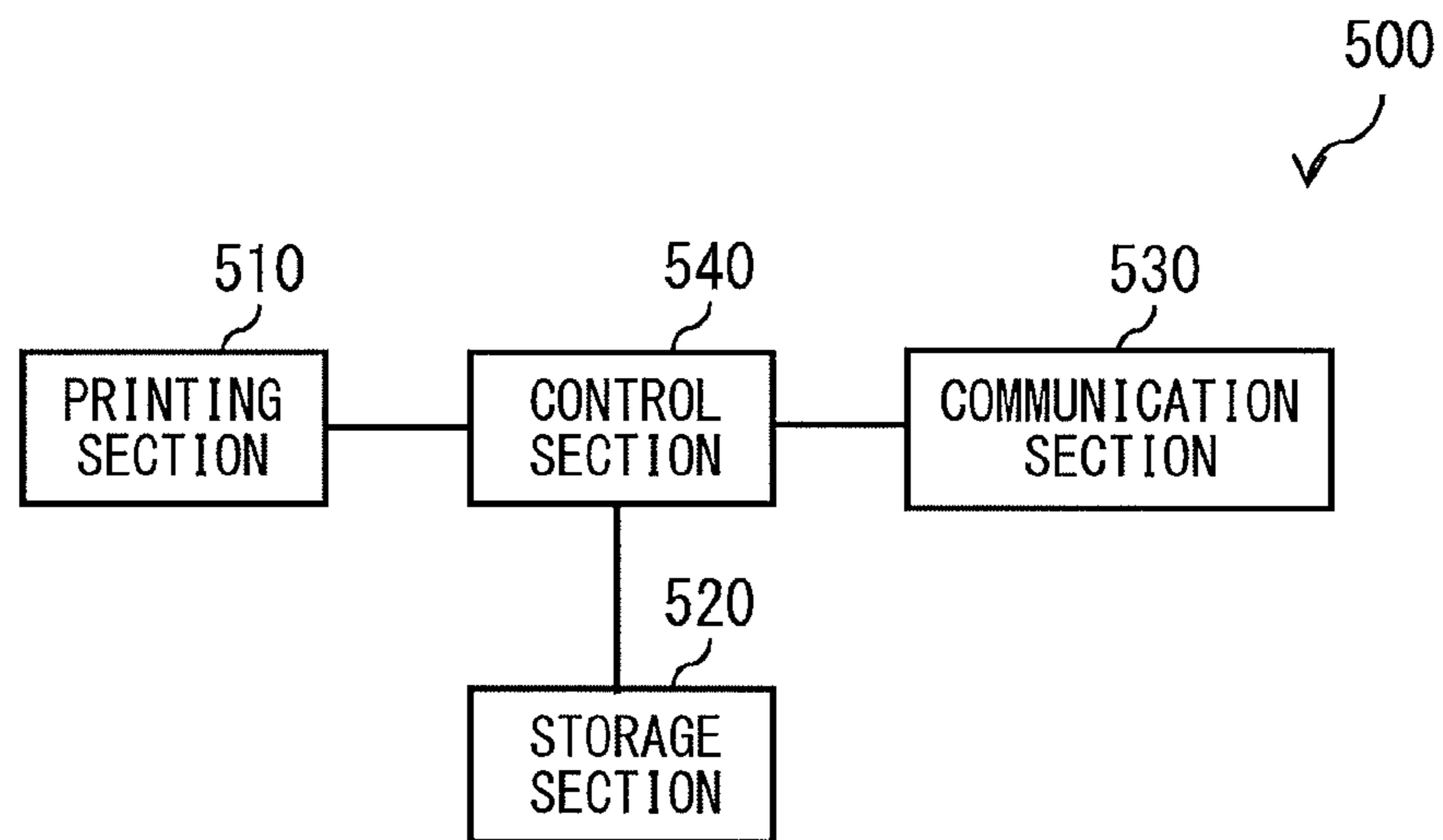
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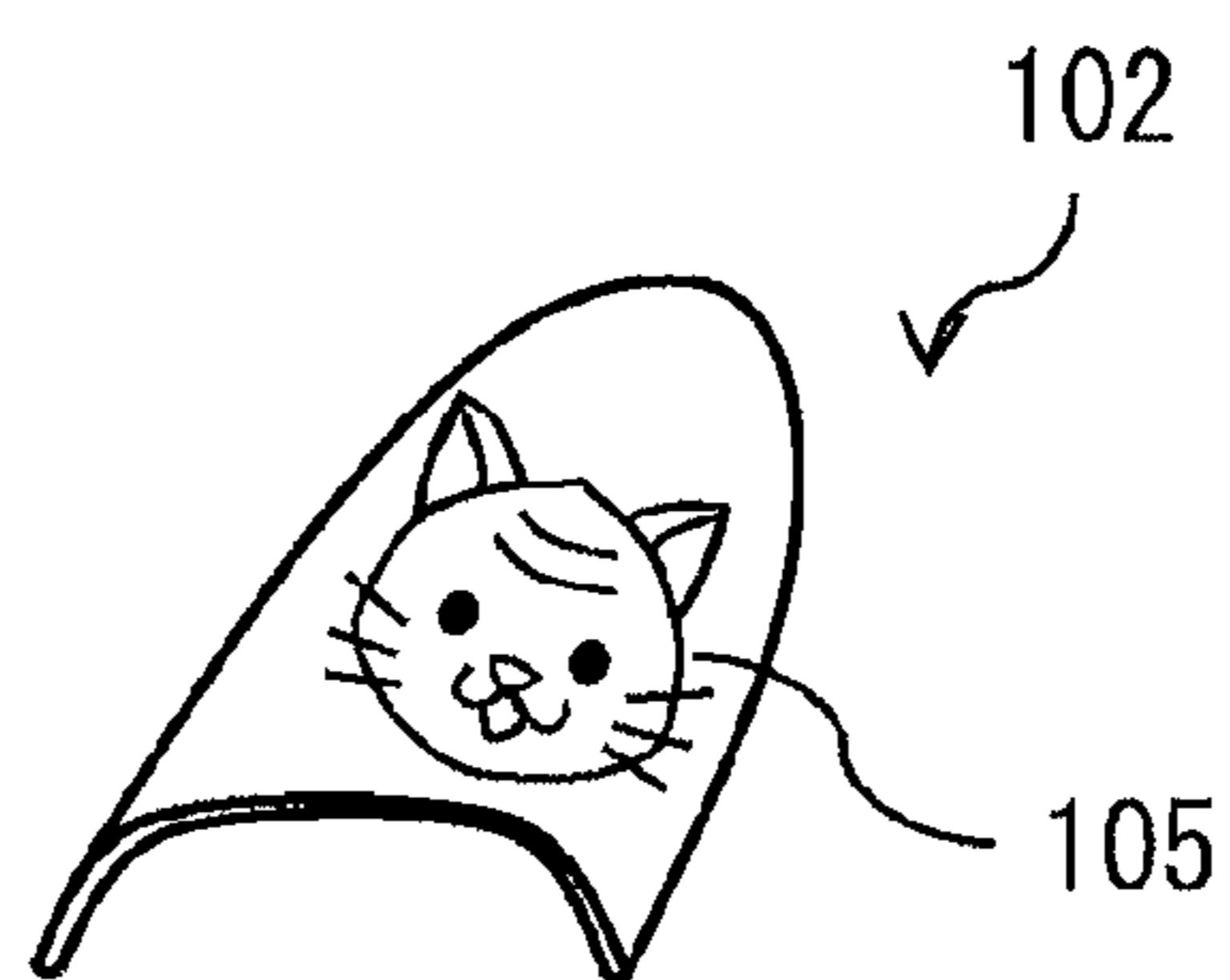
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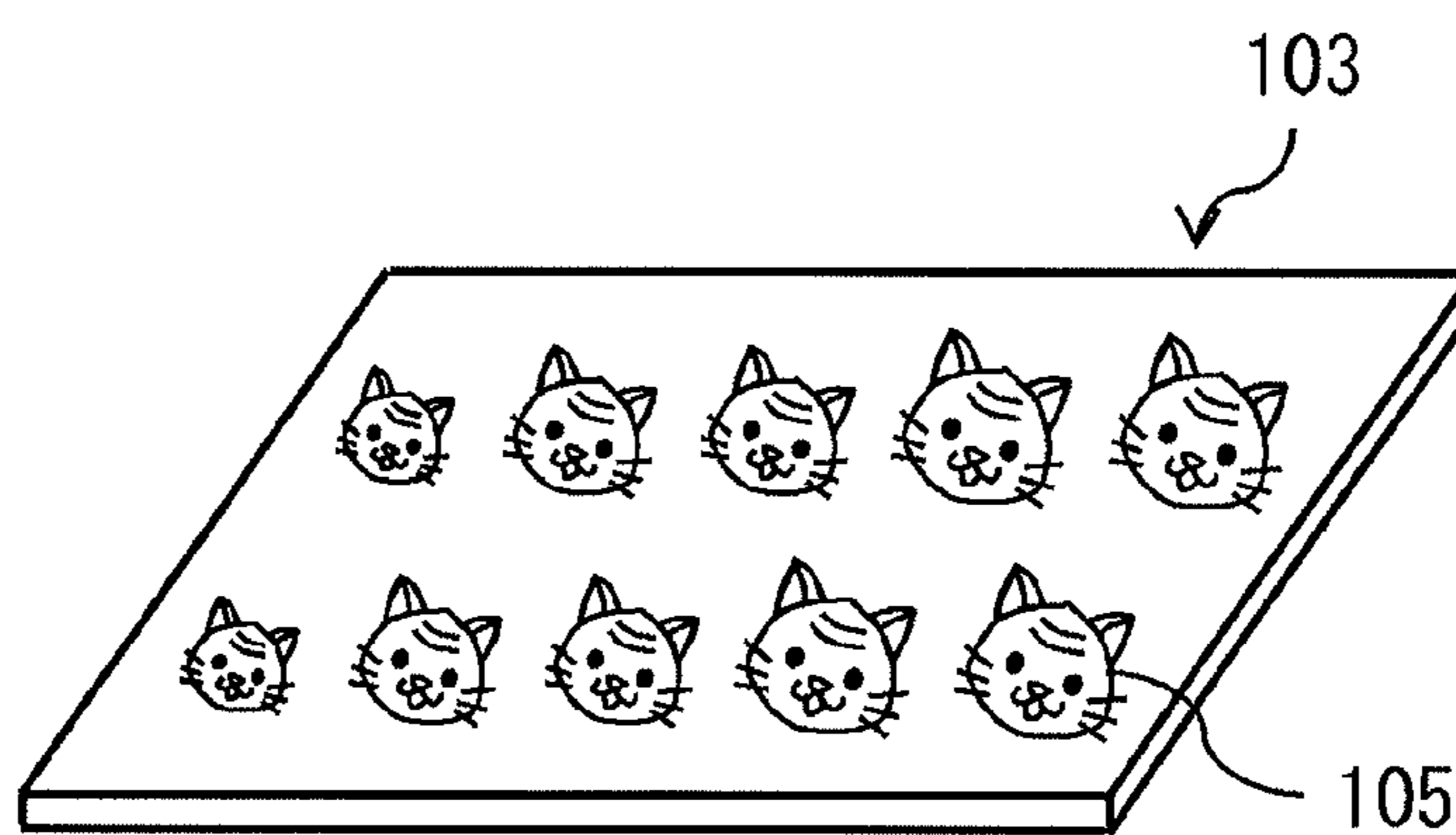
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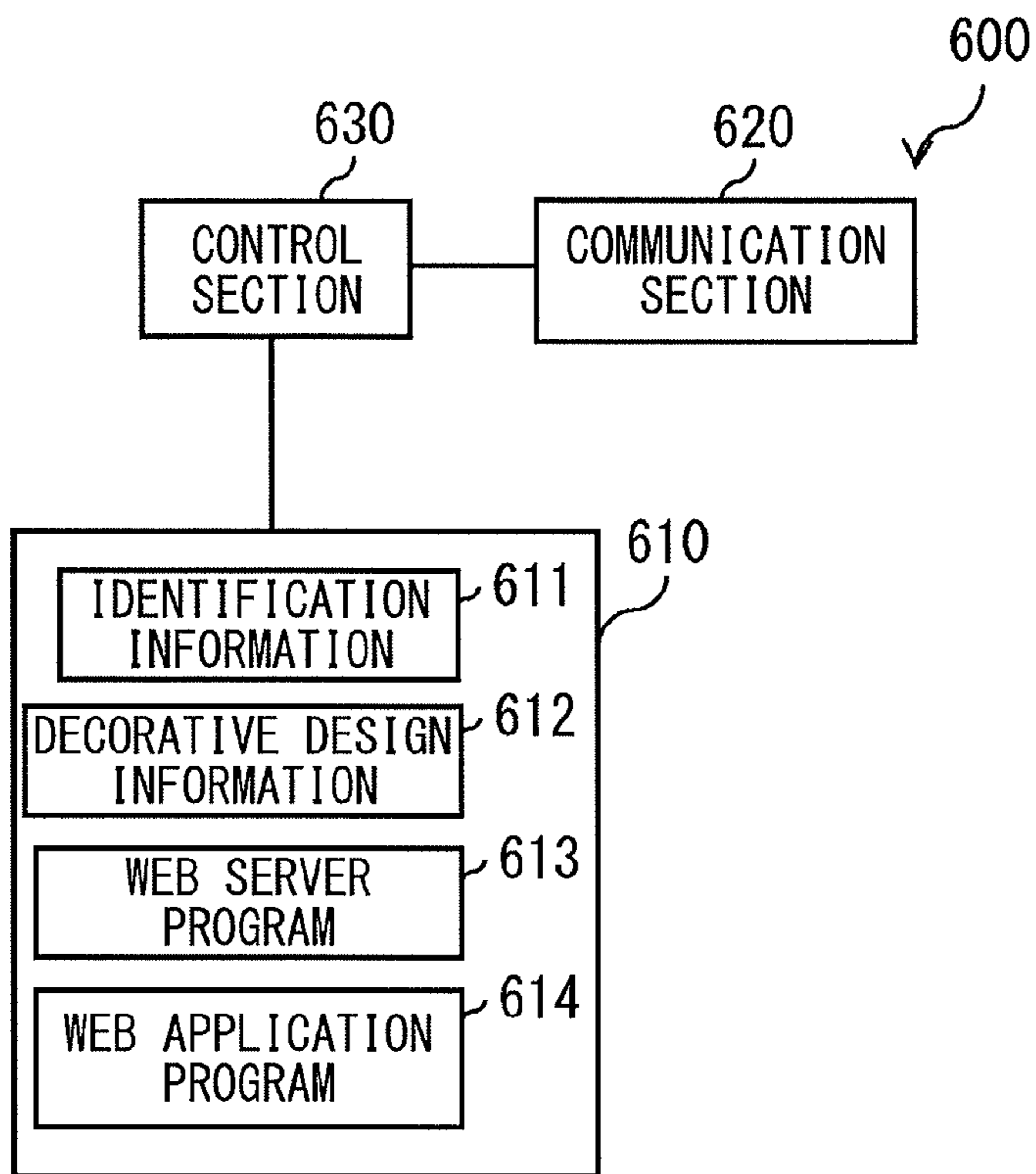
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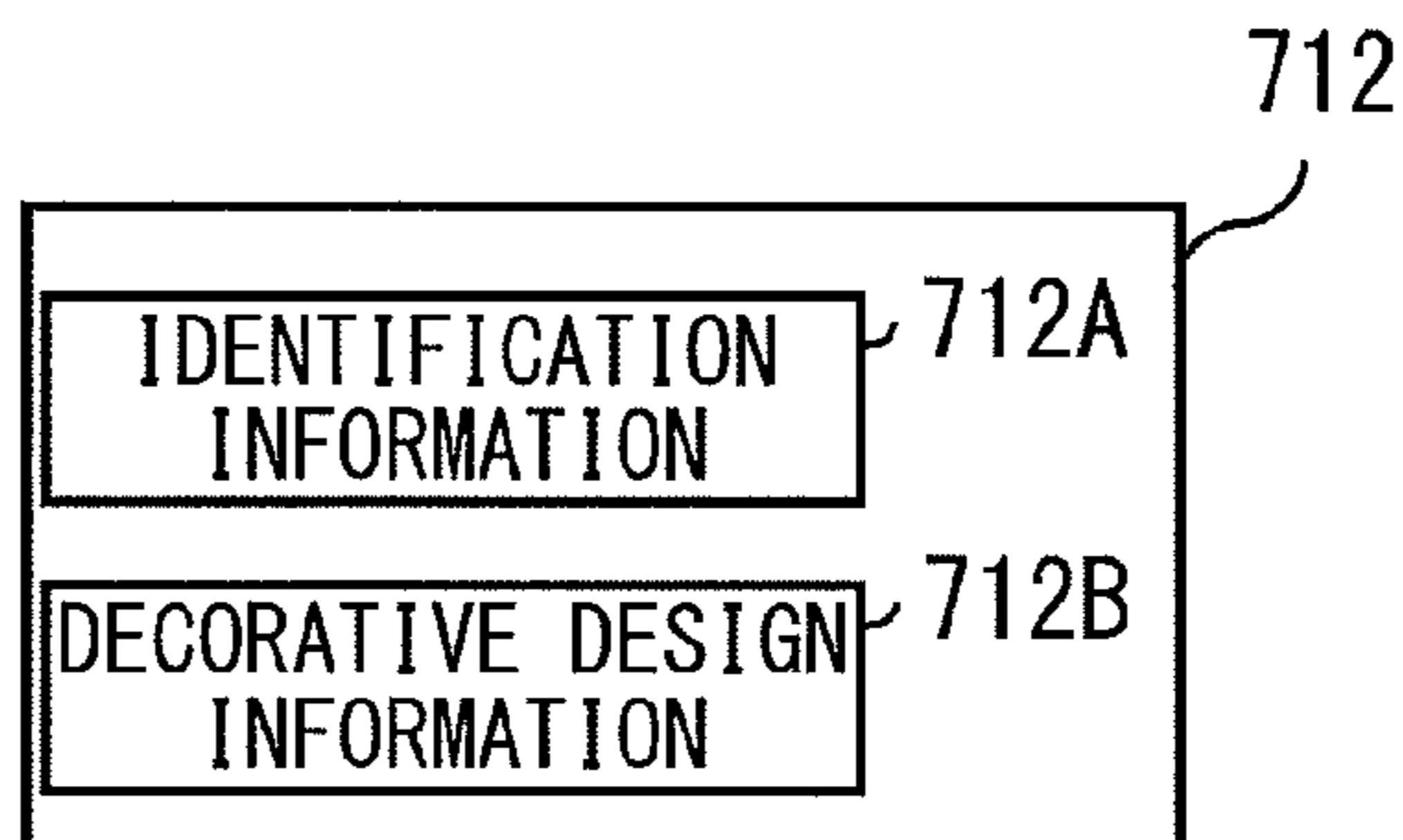
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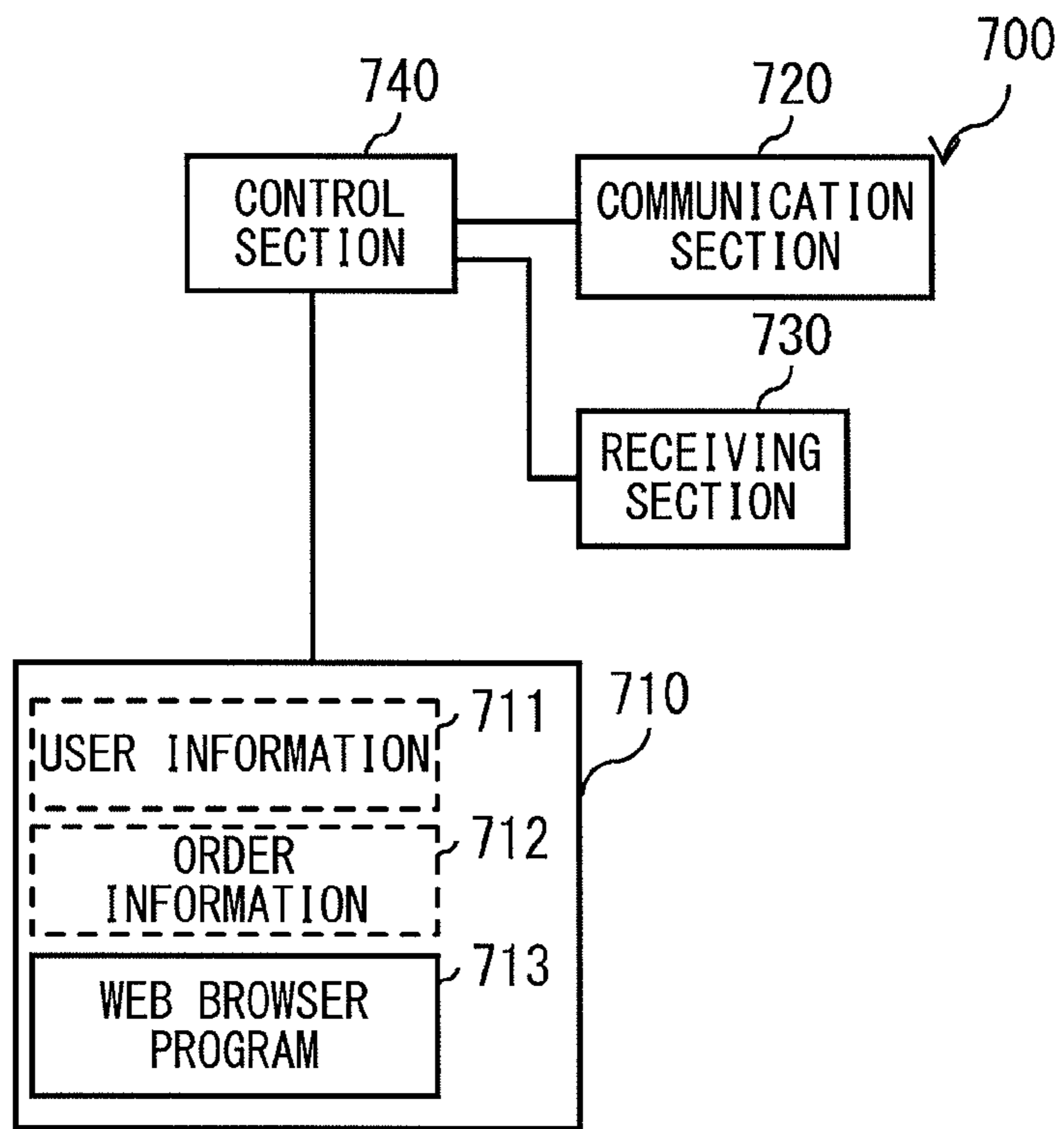
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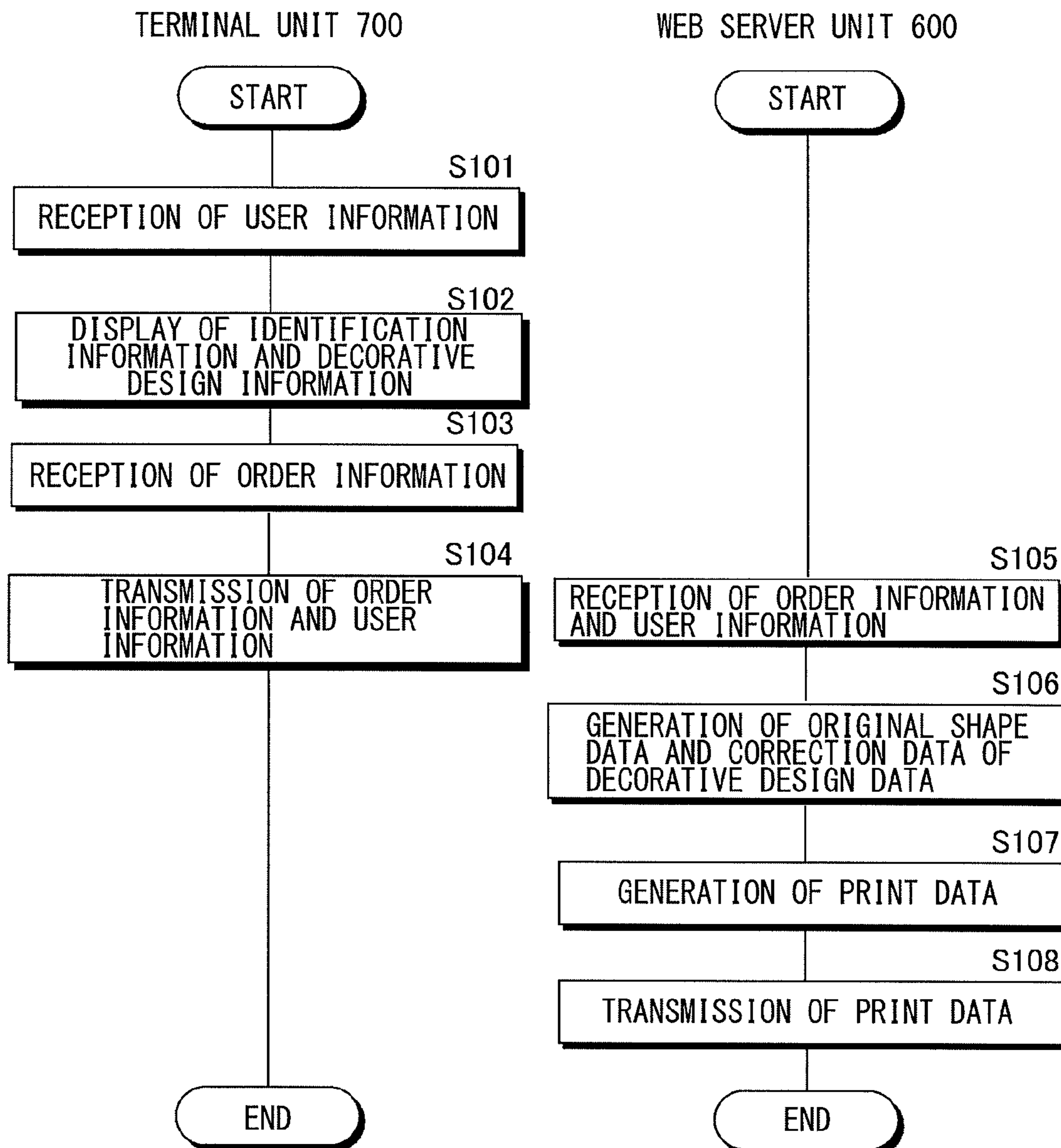
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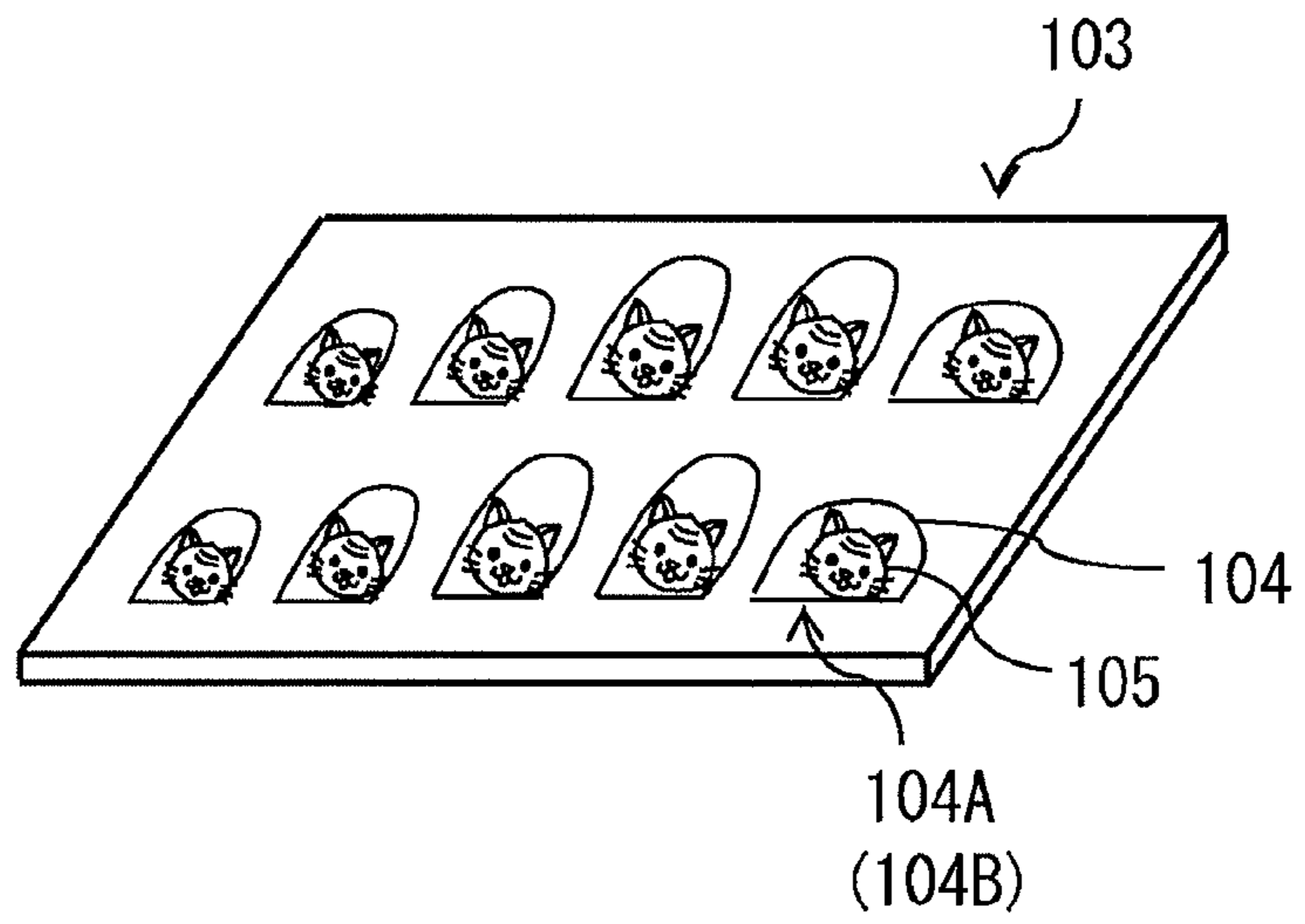
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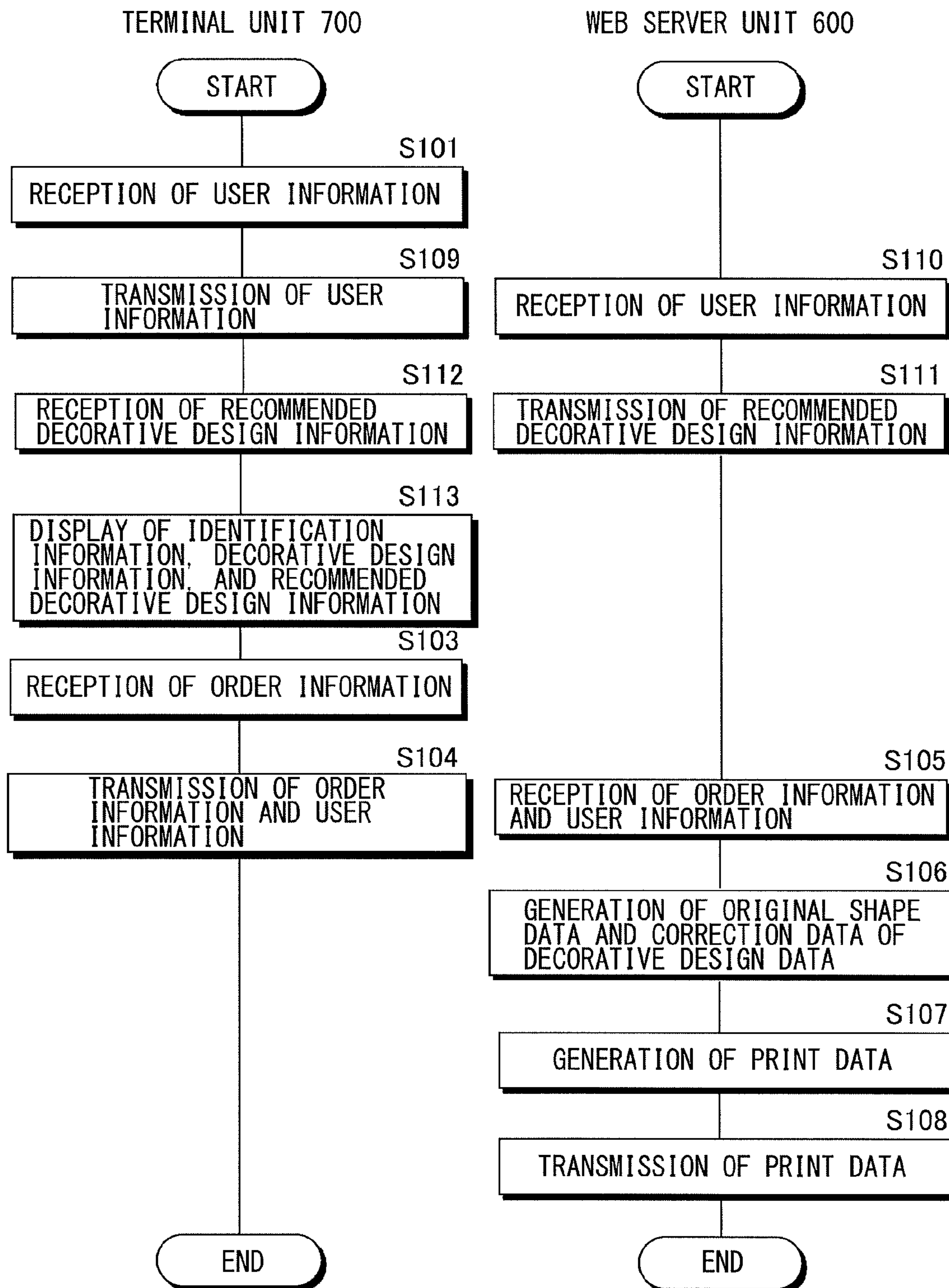
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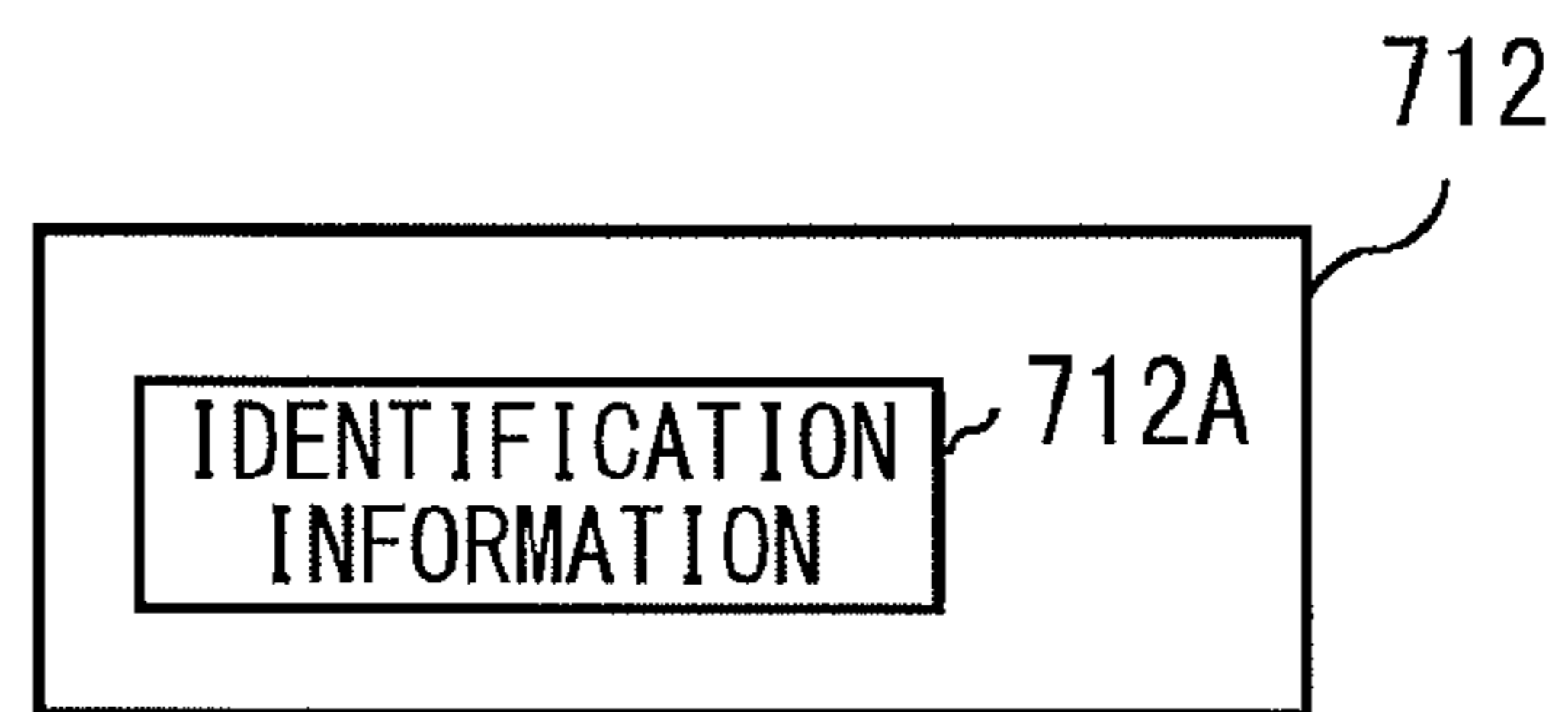
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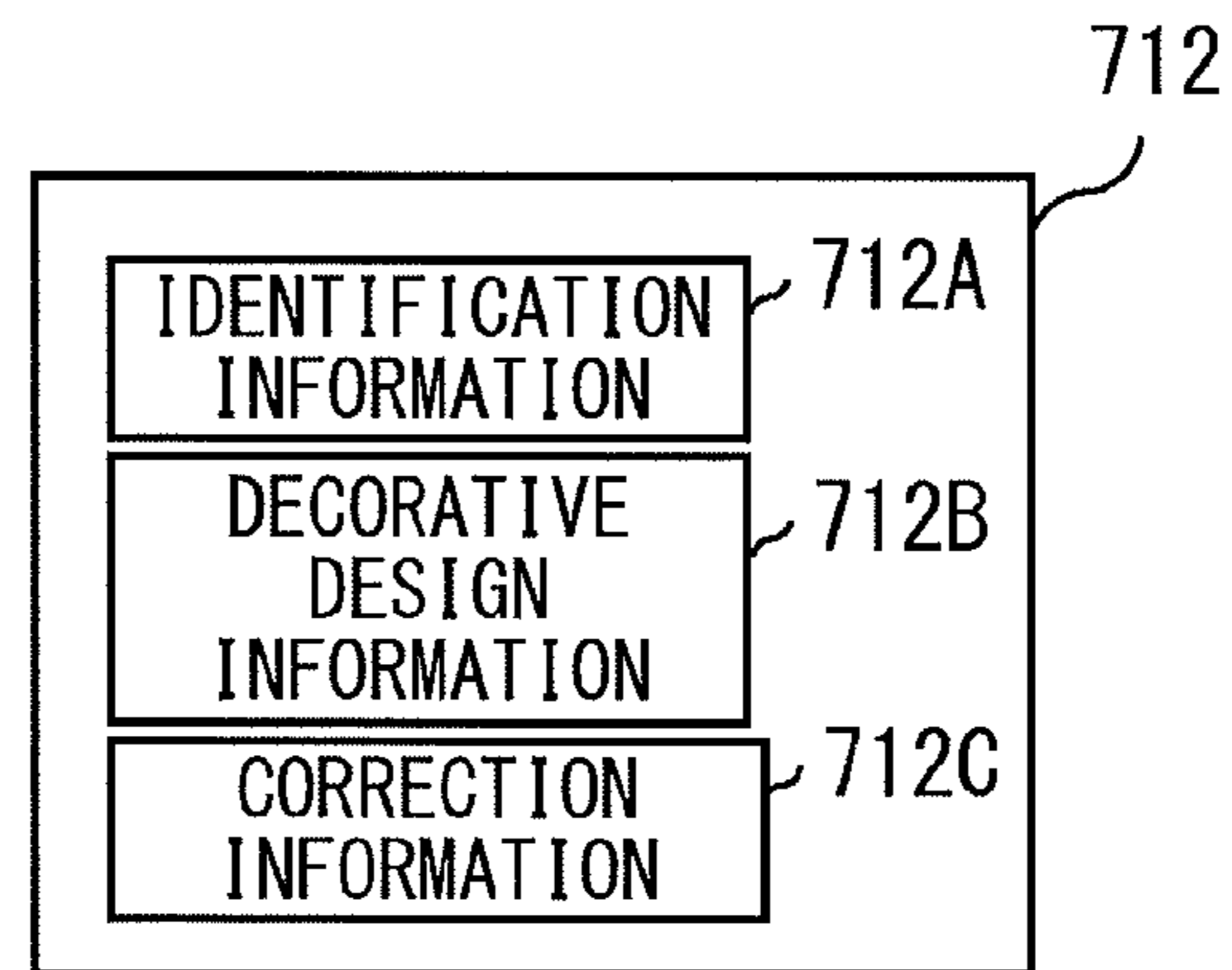
[FIG. 16]



[FIG. 17A]



[FIG. 17B]



1**NAIL PRODUCTION SYSTEM AND NAIL PRODUCTION METHOD****CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

The present application claims the benefit of International Application No. PCT/JP2017/020761, filed Jun. 5, 2017, which claims priority to Japanese Application No. 2016-142186, filed Jul. 20, 2016, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.

BACKGROUND

The present technology relates to a nail production system and a nail production method.

In recent years, the number of people has been increasing who attach nail tips or nail stickers with designs arranged thereon on their own nails to enjoy dressing up. Typically, a user selects the nail tips or the nail stickers with shapes or sizes meeting user's own nails or preference from among ready-made products. However, the shapes and sizes of the user's own nails are different for every user, and therefore ready-made nail tips or nail stickers do not fit the user's own nails, which has caused an issue of awful looking or easy peel-off. In contrast, PTL 1 proposes to produce the nail tips using a mold manufactured on the basis of CAD data on the user's own nails that is obtained by measurement.

SUMMARY

However, in a method described in a PTL 1, it is necessary to manufacture a mold for each user, resulting in an increase in manufacturing costs. It is therefore desirable to provide a nail production system and a nail production method that allow for producing a nail tip or a nail sticker that is easy to fit user's own nails at low cost.

A nail production system according to an embodiment of the disclosure includes a first correction section and a first conversion section. The first correction section corrects shape data of an existing nail tip or an existing nail sticker on the basis of measurement data of a nail, to thereby generate shape data of an original nail tip or an original nail sticker. The first conversion section converts the shape data of the original nail tip or the original nail sticker that is generated by the first correction section into print data.

A nail production method according to an embodiment of the present technology includes two steps given below:

(A) correcting shape data of an existing nail tip or an existing nail sticker on the basis of measurement data of a nail, to thereby generate shape data of an original nail tip or an original nail sticker; and

(B) converting the shape data of the original nail tip or the original nail sticker that is generated by the first correction section into print data.

In the nail production system and the nail production method according to the respective embodiments of the present technology, the shape data of the original nail tip or the original nail sticker is generated from the shape data of the existing nail tip or the existing nail sticker on the basis of the measurement data of the nail. Further, the generated shape data is converted into the print data. This makes it possible to obtain the original nail tip or the original nail sticker that fits a shape or size of user's own nail with use of a printer without using a mold.

According to the nail production system and the nail production method of the respective embodiments of the

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present technology, it is possible to obtain the original nail tip or the original nail sticker that fits a shape or size of user's own nail with use of a printer without using a mold. Therefore, this allows for producing a nail tip or a nail sticker that is easy to fit user's own nail at low cost. It is to be noted that the effects of the present technology are not necessarily limited to the effects described above, and may be any of the effects that will be described herein.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 illustrates a schematic configuration example of a nail production system according to an embodiment of the present technology.

FIG. 2 illustrates a schematic configuration example of a registration unit illustrated in FIG. 1.

FIG. 3 illustrates a schematic configuration example of a data server unit illustrated in FIG. 1.

FIG. 4 illustrates a schematic configuration example of a molding unit illustrated in FIG. 1.

FIG. 5 illustrates an example of a nail tip.

FIG. 6 illustrates an example of a resin sticker.

FIG. 7 illustrates an example of a nail sticker.

FIG. 8 illustrates a schematic configuration example of a printing unit illustrated in FIG. 1.

FIG. 9 illustrates an example of a decorative design arranged on a nail tip.

FIG. 10 illustrates an example of a decorative design arranged on a resin sticker.

FIG. 11 illustrates a schematic configuration example of a web server unit illustrated in FIG. 1.

FIG. 12 illustrates an example of order information.

FIG. 13 illustrates a schematic configuration example of a terminal unit illustrated in FIG. 1.

FIG. 14 illustrates an example of procedures of generating print data in the nail production system illustrated in FIG. 1.

FIG. 15 illustrates an example of procedures of generating print data in the nail production system illustrated in FIG. 1.

FIG. 16 illustrates an example of a nail sticker.

FIG. 17A illustrates an example of the order information illustrated in FIG. 12.

FIG. 17B illustrates an example of the order information illustrated in FIG. 12.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Hereinafter, embodiments of the present technology are described in detail with reference to the drawings. It is to be noted that the description is given in the following order.

1. Embodiment (Nail Production System)

2. Modification Examples (Nail Production System)

An example where a recommended decorative design is presented to a user

An example where no decorative design is arranged on a nail tip or a nail sticker

An example where a user also performs correction of a decorative design

1. Embodiment**[Configuration]**

Descriptions are provided on a nail production system 1 according to an embodiment of the present technology. FIG. 1 illustrates a schematic configuration example of the nail production system 1. The nail production system 1 is a system that receives an order for a nail tip or a nail sticker

over a network, and produces the nail tip or the nail sticker in a custom-made manner in accordance with contents of the received order.

The nail production system **1** includes a registration unit **200**, a data server unit **300**, a molding unit **400**, a printing unit **500**, a web server unit **600**, and a terminal unit **700**. The registration unit **200**, the data server unit **300**, the molding unit **400**, the printing unit **500**, the web server unit **600**, and the terminal unit **700** are coupled with one another over a network **100**. The network **100** is a network that carries out communication using, for example, a communication protocol (TCP/IP) available typically on the Internet. The network **100** may be, for example, a secure network that carries out communication with use of a communication protocol specific to the network. The network **100** is, for example, an internet, an intranet, or a local area network. Coupling between the network **100** and any of the registration unit **200**, the data server unit **300**, the molding unit **400**, the printing unit **500**, the web server unit **600**, or the terminal unit **700** may be made, for example, over a wired LAN (Local Area Network), or over a wireless LAN such as Wi-Fi, or a mobile telephone line, etc. (Registration Unit **200**)

FIG. **2** illustrates a schematic configuration example of the registration unit **200**. The registration unit **200** measures nails or a skin of a user, and registers resulting measurement data of the nails or the skin onto the data server unit **300**. The registration unit **200** measures shapes of user's nails using a predetermined distance measuring method. Examples of the predetermined distance measuring method include an optical cutting method, a TOF (Time Of Flight) method, a monocular camera measuring method, or a compound-eye camera measuring method.

The optical cutting method is a method that irradiates an object with light in a slit-shaped, dot-shaped, or lattice-shaped pattern to acquire coordinate data of a surface of the object by triangulation. The TOF method is a method that acquires coordinate data of a surface of an object on the basis of a time period from when an object is irradiated with light until when light reflected from the object enters a light receiving device. The monocular camera measuring method is a distance measuring method with use of a natural law of perspective. The compound-eye camera measuring method is a camera-based triangulation method. The optical cutting method and the TOF method achieve higher accuracy than the monocular camera measuring method and the compound-eye camera measuring method. Further, in the optical cutting method, a color texture is achievable in a case where a white light source is used as a light source, which allows a skin color to be discriminated from the obtained color texture. Additionally, in a case where a white LED is used as the white light source, a speckle noise is made smaller than that generated in a case where a white laser is used, which makes it possible to obtain the coordinate data of the surface of the object with a high degree of accuracy.

Therefore, hereinafter, it is supposed that the registration unit **200** acquires the coordinate data of the surface of the object in the optical cutting method using the white LED as the light source. Thus, the registration unit **200** makes it possible to measure shapes of user's nails as well as a color of a user's skin with use of the optical cutting method.

The registration unit **200** has, for example, an optical scanning section **210**, a camera **220**, a drive section **230**, a communication section **240**, an operating section **250**, a storage section **260**, and a control section **270**.

For example, the optical scanning section **210** emits slit light **Ls** toward a surface of a nail **101** (a finger tip including

the nail **101**) that is an object, and scans the slit light **Ls** on the surface of the nail **101** (the finger tip including the nail **101**). The optical scanning section **210** has, for example, a light source section **211** that emits the slit light **Ls**, and a movable mirror **212** that causes the slit light **Ls** from the light source section **211** to be scanned on the surface of the nail **101** (the finger tip including the nail **101**). The camera **220** detects reflected light **Lr** from the surface of the nail **101** (the finger tip including the nail **101**) that is the object.

The drive section **230** drives the optical scanning section **210** and the camera **220** under control performed by the control section **270**. The control section **270** controls driving of the optical scanning section **210** and the camera **220** through the drive section **230**, and acquires coordinate data (measurement data **262** of the nail **101**) of a surface of the nail **101** (the finger tip including the nail **101**) by the triangulation using a detection result from the camera **220**. At this time, the control section **270** acquires the coordinate data (the measurement data **262** of the nail **101**) by causing slit-shaped white LED light extending in a finger width direction to be scanned in an extending direction of the finger. Further, the control section **270** acquires a color of a skin (measurement data **263** of the skin) with use of the detection result (color image) from the camera **220**. It is to be noted that acquisition of the measurement data **263** of the skin may be omitted on an as-needed basis.

The control section **270** causes the measurement data **262** of the nail **101** and the measurement data **263** of the skin to be stored in the storage section **260** as well as in a storage section **310** inside the data server **300**. Further, the control section **270** causes user information **261** inputted through the operating section **250** to be stored in the storage section **260** as well as in the storage section **310** inside the data server **300**. The storage section **260** stores the measurement data **262** of the nail **101**, the measurement data **263** of the skin, and the user information **261**. The user information **261** is information serving to identify a user, and includes a user ID, for example. The operating section **250** accepts an input from a user. The operating section **250** includes, for example, a keyboard, a mouse, or a touch panel. The communication section **240** carries out communication with the other units (the data server unit **300**, etc.) in the nail production system **1** over the network **100**. (Data Server Unit **300**)

FIG. **3** illustrates a schematic configuration example of the data server unit **300**. The data server unit **300** stores shape data of existing nail tips (three-dimensional data) or shape data of existing nail stickers (two-dimensional data). Further, the data server unit **300** stores information acquired from the registration unit **200** (the user information **261**, the measurement data **262** of the nail, and the measurement data **263** of the skin).

The data server unit **300** has, for example, the storage section **310**, a communication section **320**, and a control section **330**.

The storage section **260** stores data inputted from the registration unit **200** (the user information **261**, the measurement data **262** of the nail **101**, and the measurement data **263** of the skin). It is to be noted that the measurement data **263** of the skin may be omitted on an as-needed basis. Further, the storage section **310** stores existing shape data **312**. The existing shape data **312** includes, for example, shape data of one or a plurality of existing nail tips (three-dimensional data), or shape data of one or a plurality of existing nail stickers (two-dimensional data). Additionally, the storage section **310** stores identification information **311**. The identification information **311** is an identifier that is

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assigned for each shape data included in the existing shape data 312. The above-described identifier is at least one of a name and a thumbnail of a nail tip or a nail sticker, for example.

The storage section 310 stores, for example, existing decorative design data 314. The existing decorative design data 314 includes, for example, image data of one or a plurality of decorative designs to be printed on a surface of a nail tip or a nail sticker. Further, the storage section 310 stores, for example, decorative design information 313. The decorative design information 313 is information concerning the decorative design that is assigned for each image data of the decorative design that is included in the decorative design data 314. The above-described “information concerning the decorative design” is at least one of a name or a thumbnail of the decorative design, for example. It is to be noted that the decorative design information 313 and the decorative design data 314 may be omitted on an as-needed basis.

(Molding Unit 400)

FIG. 4 illustrates a schematic configuration example of the molding unit 400. The molding unit 400 produces a molded object on the basis of data (print data 317) that is inputted over the network 100. The molding unit 400 has, for example, a molding section 410, a storage section 420, a communication section 430, and a control section 440.

For example, the molding section 410 produces an original nail tip (for example, a nail tip 102 as illustrated in FIG. 5) by discharging resin on the basis of the print data 317 (to be described later). Further, the molding section 410 produces an original nail sticker (a nail sticker 104), for example, as illustrated in FIG. 7 by cutting or half-cutting a resin sticker 103, for example, as illustrated in FIG. 6 on the basis of, for example, the print data 317. At this time, each of the nail stickers 104 is held in a cut or half-cut state with respect to the resin sticker 103. It is to be noted that FIG. 7 illustrates how an end edge of each of the nail stickers 104 includes a cutting line 104A or a half-cutting line 104B.

(Printing Unit 500)

FIG. 8 illustrates a schematic configuration example of the printing unit 500. The printing unit 500 performs printing on the basis of data (print data 319 (to be described later)) that is inputted over the network 100. The printing unit 500 has, for example, a printing section 510, a storage section 520, a communication section 530, and a control section 540.

The printing section 510 prints a decorative design 105 on a surface of the original nail tip (the nail tip 102), for example, as illustrated in FIG. 9 by discharging resin or ink on the basis of the print data 319, for example. Further, the printing section 510 prints the decorative design 105 on a surface of the resin sticker 103, for example, as illustrated in FIG. 10 on the basis of the print data 319, for example. It is to be noted that the original nail sticker (the nail sticker 104) with the decorative design 105 printed on a surface thereof is producible by cutting or half-cutting the resin sticker 103 on which the decorative design 105 is printed on the basis of the print data 317.

(Web Server Unit 600)

FIG. 11 illustrates a schematic configuration example of the web server unit 600. The web server unit 600 provides a user interface in the terminal unit 700. The web server unit 600 has, for example, a storage section 610, a communication section 620, and a control section 630.

The communication section 620 carries out communication with the other units (the data server unit 300, etc.) in the nail production system 1 over the network 100. The storage

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section 610 stores programs, etc. (for example, a web server program 613, a web application program 614, etc.) that are executed by the control section 630. The control section 630 includes a processor, and executes the web server program 613, the web application program 614, etc. that are stored in the storage section 610. The function of the control section 630 is achieved in such a manner that the web server program 613 and the web application program 614 are executed by the control section 630, for example. The web application program 614 corresponds to a specific example of a “nail production program” of the present technology.

Specifically, the control section 630 receives order information 712 (to be described later) and user information 711 (to be described later) through the terminal unit 700 and the communication section 620. The order information 712 is information selected by a user, and includes identification information 712A and decorative design information 712B of a nail tip or a nail sticker, as illustrated in FIG. 12. Upon receiving the order information 712 and the user information 711, the control section 630 corrects the existing shape data 312 corresponding to the inputted order information 712 (the identification information 712A) on the basis of the measurement data 262 of a nail corresponding to the received order information 712 (the user information 711). With such correction, the control section 630 generates shape data 316 of the original nail tip or the original nail sticker. The control section 630 converts the generated shape data 316 into the print data 317, and outputs the print data 317 derived from the conversion to the molding unit 400 through the communication section 620. The print data 317 is data described using a script understandable by the molding unit 400. The communication section 620 carries out communication with the other units (the terminal unit 700, etc.) in the nail production system 1 over the network 100.

Further, upon receiving the order information 712 (the decorative design information 712B), the control section 630 generates correction data 318 of existing decorative design data 315 corresponding to the received order information 712 (the decorative design information 712B) by correcting such existing decorative design data 315. The control section 630 converts the generated correction data 318 into the print data 319, and outputs the print data 319 derived from the conversion to the printing unit 500 through the communication section 620. The print data 319 is data described using a script understandable by the printing unit 500.

(Terminal Unit 700)

FIG. 13 illustrates a schematic configuration example of the terminal unit 700. The terminal unit 700 is a terminal unit that a user uses to place an order for a nail tip or a nail sticker, and has, for example, a storage section 710, a communication section 720, a receiving section 730, and a control section 740. The receiving section 730 includes a keyboard, a touch panel, etc. The storage section 710 stores programs (for example, a web browser program 710, an operating system, etc.) that are executed by the control section 740. The user information 711 and the order information 712 are stored in the storage section 710.

The control section 740 includes a processor, and executes a web browser program 713, an operating system, etc. that are stored in the storage section 710. The communication section 720 carries out communication with the other units (the web server unit 600, etc.) in the nail production system 1 over the network 100. A user interface (the receiving section 730) in the terminal unit 700 is achieved in such a manner that an application (for example,

html data) that is obtained from the web server unit 600 is processed by the web browser program 713, for example.

The control section 740 (the receiving section 730) receives the order information 712 including the identification information 712A and the decorative design information 712B of a nail tip or a nail sticker, and the user information 711. Upon receiving the order information 712, the control section 740 (the receiving section 730) presents (displays) identification information 611 and decorative design information 612 to a user, and prompts the user to select specific identification information (the identification information 712A) from within the identification information 610, as well as to select specific decorative design information (the decorative design information 712B) from within the decorative design information 612. The identification information 611 is equivalent to the identification information 311 that is associated with the existing shape data 312. The decorative design information 612 is equivalent to the decorative design information 313 that is associated with the existing decorative design data 314. The control section 740 (the receiving section 730) transmits the received order information 712 and the user information 711 to the web server unit 600 through the communication section 720.

[Operation]

Next, the description is provided on an example of procedures of producing a nail tip or a nail sticker in the nail production system 1. FIG. 14 represents an example of procedures of generating print data in the nail production system 1.

At first, a user registers the user information 261, the measurement data 262 of a nail, and the measurement data 263 of a skin onto the registration unit 200 in advance. Next, the user places an order for the nail tip or the nail sticker using the terminal unit 700. Specifically, at the beginning, the user starts the receiving section 730 in the terminal unit 700. Thereafter, the terminal unit 700 (the receiving section 730) prompts the user to input the user information 711. When the user inputs the user information 711 to the terminal unit 700 (the receiving section 730), the terminal unit 700 (the receiving section 730) receives the user information 711 from the user (step S101).

Next, the terminal unit 700 (the receiving section 730) presents (displays) the identification information 611 and the decorative design information 612 to the user (step S102). At this time, the terminal unit 700 (the receiving section 730) prompts the user to select specific identification information (the identification information 712A) from within the identification information 610, as well as to select specific decorative design information (the decorative design information 712B) from within the decorative design information 612. When the user inputs the order information 712 including the identification information 712A and the decorative design information 712B of the nail tip or the nail sticker, the terminal unit 700 (the receiving section 730) receives the order information 712 from the user (step S103). Thereafter, the terminal unit 700 (the receiving section 730) transmits the received order information 712 and the user information 711 to the web server unit 600 through the communication section 720 (step S104).

Thereafter, the web server unit 600 (the control section 630) receives the order information 712 and the user information 711 through the communication section 620 (step S105). Next, the web server unit 600 (the control section 630) corrects the existing shape data 312 corresponding to the received order information 712 (the identification information 712A) on the basis of the measurement data 262 of the nail corresponding to the received order information 712

(the order information 711). With such correction, the web server unit 600 (the control section 630) generates the shape data 316 of an original nail tip or an original nail sticker (step S106). Further, the web server unit 600 (the control section 630) generates the correction data 318 of the existing decorative design data 315 corresponding to the received order information 712 (the decorative design information 712B) by correcting such decorative design data 315 (step S106).

Next, the web server unit 600 (the control section 630) converts the generated shape data 316 into the print data 317 (step S107), and outputs the print data 317 derived from the conversion to the molding unit 400 through the communication section 620 (step S108). Further, the web server unit 600 (the control section 630) converts the generated correction data 318 into the print data 319 (step S107), and outputs the print data 319 derived from the conversion to the printing unit 500 through the communication section 620 (step S108).

Thereafter, the molding unit 400 produces the original nail tip (for example, the nail tip 102 as illustrated in FIG. 5) by discharging resin on the basis of the inputted print data 317. Next, the printing unit 500 prints the decorative design 105 on a surface of the original nail tip (the nail tip 102), for example, as illustrated in FIG. 9 by discharging resin or ink on the basis of the inputted print data 319.

Alternatively, the printing unit 500 prints the decorative design 105 on a surface of the resin sticker 103, for example, as illustrated in FIG. 10 on the basis of the print data 319. Next, the molding unit 400 produces the original nail sticker (the nail sticker 104), for example, as illustrated in FIG. 15 by cutting or half-cutting the resin sticker 103 with the decorative design arranged thereon, for example, as illustrated in FIG. 10 on the basis of the inputted print data 317. In such a method, the nail tip or the nail sticker is produced.

Effects

Next, the description is provided on effects of the nail production system 1.

In recent years, the number of people has been increasing who attach nail tips or nail stickers with designs arranged thereon on their own nails to enjoy dressing up. Typically, a user selects the nail tips or the nail stickers with shapes or sizes meeting user's own nails or preference from among ready-made products. However, the shapes and sizes of the user's own nails are different for every user, and therefore ready-made nail tips or nail stickers do not fit the user's own nails, which has caused an issue of awful looking or easy peel-off. In contrast, it is considered to produce the nail tips using a mold manufactured on the basis of CAD data on the user's own nails that is obtained by measurement. In such a case, however, it is necessary to manufacture the mold for each user, resulting in an increase in manufacturing costs.

Meanwhile, in the nail production system 1, the shape data 316 of the original nail tip or the original nail sticker is generated from the shape data of the existing nail tip or the existing nail sticker (the existing shape data 312) on the basis of the measurement data 261 of a nail. Further, the generated shape data 316 is converted into the print data 317. This makes it possible to obtain the original nail tip (the nail tip 102) or the original nail sticker (the nail sticker 104) that fits a shape or size of user's own nail with use of a printer (the molding unit 400) without using a mold. As a result, this allows for producing the nail tips or the nail stickers that are easy to fit the user's own nails at low cost.

Further, in the nail production system **1**, the correction data **318** of the existing decorative design data **314** is generated by correcting the existing decorative design data **314** on the basis of the measurement data **261** of a nail. Further, the generated correction data **318** is converted into the print data **319**. This makes it possible to obtain the decorative design that fits shapes or sizes of the user's own nails with use of a printer (the printing unit **500**) without using a mold. As a result, this allows for producing the original nail tip (the nail tip **102**) or the original nail sticker (the nail sticker **104**) on which the decorative design is arranged in an attractive manner.

Additionally, in the nail production system **1**, it is possible to produce the original nail tip (the nail tip **102**) by discharging resin on the basis of the print data **317**. Thus, this makes it possible to obtain the original nail tip (the nail tip **102**) that fits a shape or size of the user's own nail with use of a printer (the molding unit **400**) without using a mold. As a result, this allows for producing the original nail tip (the nail tip **102**) that is easy to fit the user's own nail at low cost.

Moreover, in the nail production system **1**, it is possible to produce the original nail sticker (the nail tip **102**) by cutting or half-cutting a resin sticker on the basis of the print data **317**. Thus, this makes it possible to obtain the original nail sticker (the nail tip **102**) that fits a shape or size of the user's own nail with use of a printer (the molding unit **400**) without using a mold. As a result, this allows for producing the original nail sticker (the nail tip **102**) that is easy to fit the user's own nail at low cost.

Further, in the nail production system **1**, it is possible to print the decorative design **105** on a surface of the original nail tip (the nail tip **102**) by discharging resin or ink on the basis of the print data **319**. As a result, this allows for producing the original nail tip (the nail tip **102**) on which the decorative design is arranged in an attractive manner.

Additionally, in the nail production system **1**, it is possible to print the decorative design **105** on a surface of the resin sticker **103** by discharging resin or ink on the basis of the print data **319**. As a result, this allows for producing the original nail sticker (the nail tip **102**) on which the decorative design is arranged in an attractive manner.

2. Modification Examples

Modification Example A

Next, the description is provided on a modification example of procedures of producing the nail tip or the nail sticker in the nail production system **1**. FIG. **16** represents an example of procedures of generating print data in the nail production system **1**.

The terminal unit **700** (the receiving section **730**) receives the user information **711** from a user (step **S101**), and thereafter transmits the received user information **711** to the web server unit **600** through the communication section **720** (step **S109**).

Thereafter, the web server unit **600** (the control section **630**) receives the user information **711** through the communication section **620** (step **S110**). Next, the web server unit **600** (the control section **630**) selects one or a plurality of recommended decorative designs from within the decorative design information **612** on the basis of the measurement data **263** of a skin corresponding to the received user information **711**. The web server unit **600** (the control section **630**) transmits the selected one or plurality of recommended decorative designs to the terminal unit **700** through the communication section **620** (step **S111**).

Thereafter, the terminal unit **700** (the receiving section **730**) receives the one or the plurality of recommended decorative designs through the communication section **720** (step **S112**). Next, the terminal unit **700** (the receiving section **730**) presents (displays) the received one or plurality of recommended decorative designs to a user along with the identification information **611** and the decorative design information **612** (step **S113**). The user inputs the order information **712** including the identification information **712A** and the decorative design information **712B** of the nail tip or the nail sticker while referring to the one or the plurality of recommended decorative designs. Thereafter, the terminal unit **700** (the receiving section **730**) receives the order information **712** from the user (step **S103**). The subsequent flow is similar to that in the above-described embodiment.

In the present modification example, the one or the plurality of recommended decorative designs are selected on the basis of the measurement data **263** of the skin, and information corresponding to the selected one or the plurality of recommended decorative designs is outputted (displayed). This makes it possible to produce the original nail tip (the nail tip **102**) or the original nail sticker (the nail tip **102**) on which well-suited decorative design is arranged.

Modification Example B

In the above-described embodiment and modification example thereof, the order information **712** includes the identification information **712A** and the decorative design information **712B**; however, the decorative design information **712B** may be omitted as illustrated in FIG. **17A**, for example. Even in such a case, it is possible to produce the nail tip or the nail sticker that is easy to fit the user's own nail at low cost, as with the above-described embodiment.

Modification Example C

In the above-described embodiment and modification example thereof, the order information **712** includes the identification information **712A** and the decorative design information **712B**. However, for example, as illustrated in FIG. **17B**, the order information **712** may further include correction information **712C** in addition to the identification information **712A** and the decorative design information **712B**. The correction information **712C** is, for example, information obtained in such a manner that the decorative design information **712B** selected by a user is displayed on the terminal unit **700** (the receiving section **730**) with the decorative design information **712B** overlaid on a thumbnail included in the identification information **712A** selected by the user, and the user is made to adjust a position, a direction, a size, etc. of the decorative design information **712B** relative to the thumbnail in the above-described state.

As described above, by including the correction information **712C** in the order information **712**, the web server unit **600** (the control section **630**) makes it possible to correct the existing decorative design data **315** corresponding to the received order information **712** (the decorative design information **712B**) with use of the received order information **712** (the order information **712**). As a result, the web server unit **600** (the control section **630**) allows for generating the correction data **318** that meets the user preference.

The present technology is described thus far with reference to the plurality of embodiments and modification examples thereof; however, the present technology is not limited to the above-described embodiment, etc., but various

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modifications may be made. It is to be noted that the effects mentioned herein are merely exemplified. The effects of the present technology are not limited to the effects described herein. The present technology may have any effects other than those described herein.

Further, for example, the present technology may be configured as follows.

(1)

A nail production system including:

a first correction section that corrects shape data of an existing nail tip or an existing nail sticker on the basis of measurement data of a nail, to thereby generate shape data of an original nail tip or an original nail sticker; and

a first conversion section that converts the shape data of the original nail tip or the original nail sticker that is generated by the first correction section into print data.

(2)

The nail production system according to (1), further including:

a second correction section that corrects data of a decorative design to be printed on a surface of the original nail tip or the original nail sticker on the basis of the measurement data of the nail, to thereby generate correction data of the decorative design; and

a second generation section that converts the correction data of the decorative design that is generated by the second correction section into print data.

(3)

The nail production system according to (1) or (2), further including a first production section that produces the original nail tip by discharging resin on the basis of the print data derived from the first conversion section.

(4)

The nail production system according to (1) or (2), further including a first production section that produces the original nail sticker by cutting or half-cutting a resin sticker on the basis of the print data derived from the first conversion section.

(5)

The nail production system according to (2), further including a second production section that prints the decorative design on a surface of the original nail tip by discharging resin or ink on the basis of the print data derived from the second conversion section.

(6)

The nail production system according to (2), further including a second production section that prints the decorative design on a surface of a resin sticker by discharging resin or ink on the basis of the print data derived from the second conversion section.

(7)

The nail production system according to (2), further including an output section that selects one or a plurality of recommended decorative designs on the basis of measurement data of a skin to output information corresponding to the one or the plurality of recommended decorative designs that are selected.

(8)

A nail production method, the method including:

correcting shape data of an existing nail tip or an existing nail sticker on the basis of measurement data of a nail, to thereby generate shape data of an original nail tip or an original nail sticker; and

converting the shape data of the original nail tip or the original nail sticker that is generated by the first correction section into print data.

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It should be understood that various changes and modifications to the presently preferred embodiments described herein will be apparent to those skilled in the art. Such changes and modifications can be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the present subject matter and without diminishing its intended advantages. It is therefore intended that such changes and modifications be covered by the appended claims.

The invention claimed is:

1. A nail production system comprising:

a first correction section that corrects shape data of an existing nail tip or an existing nail sticker on a basis of measurement data of a nail, to thereby generate shape data of an original nail tip or an original nail sticker;

a first conversion section that converts the shape data of the original nail tip or the original nail sticker that is generated by the first correction section into print data;

a second correction section that corrects data of a decorative design to be printed on a surface of the original nail tip or the original nail sticker on a basis of the measurement data of the nail, to thereby generate correction data of the decorative design;

a second generation section that converts the correction data of the decorative design that is generated by the second correction section into print data; and

an output section that selects one or a plurality of recommended decorative designs on a basis of measurement data of a skin to output information corresponding to the one or the plurality of recommended decorative designs that are selected.

2. The nail production system according to claim 1, further comprising a first production section that produces the original nail tip by discharging resin on a basis of the print data derived from the first conversion section.

3. The nail production system according to claim 1, further comprising a first production section that produces the original nail sticker by cutting or half-cutting a resin sticker on a basis of the print data derived from the first conversion section.

4. The nail production system according to claim 1, further comprising a second production section that prints the decorative design on a surface of the original nail tip by discharging resin or ink on a basis of the print data derived from the second conversion section.

5. The nail production system according to claim 1, further comprising a second production section that prints the decorative design on a surface of a resin sticker by discharging resin or ink on a basis of the print data derived from the second conversion section.

6. A nail production method, the method comprising: correcting shape data of an existing nail tip or an existing nail sticker on a basis of measurement data of a nail, to thereby generate shape data of an original nail tip or an original nail sticker;

converting the shape data of the original nail tip or the original nail sticker that is generated by a first correction section into print data;

correcting data of a decorative design to be printed on a surface of the original nail tip or the original nail sticker on a basis of the measurement data of the nail, to thereby generate correction data of the decorative design;

converting the correction data of the decorative design that is generated by a second correction section into print data; and

selecting one or a plurality of recommended decorative designs on a basis of measurement data of a skin to

output information corresponding to the one or the plurality of recommended decorative designs that are selected.

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